

BOOK INQUIRY SHARPLY TURNS ON J. P. KENNEDY

State Librarian Under
Fire Before Joint Leg-
islative Committee.

DEALERS SAY HE SHOWED FAVORITISM

President of Bell Company Opens
Way, and Library Attaches
Tell of Alleged Proposi-
tion to Librarian by
Book Contractor to
Write History.

Falling like repeated bomb shells in the
Senate chamber yesterday, the testimony
of the representatives of two local book
concerns and three attaches of the State
Library before the schoolbook committee,
in relation to the purchase of books for
the travelling libraries by State Librarian
J. P. Kennedy, was at times highly sensa-
tional.

Mr. R. O. Bell, president of the Bell
Book and Stationery Company, was the
star witness, and his testimony to the
effect that the books were all bought in
New York, and many of them at prices
higher than they could be purchased at
retail in Richmond, opened the way for
two hours of fast and furious talk by
Chairman Byrd and witnesses; but the
climax came when Messrs. Berkeley,
Evans and Eckensold, of the library
staff, related that it was well understood
about the library that Putnam & Co., Mr.
Kennedy's New York agents, had offered
him \$250 to write a history of Virginia,
and had sent him \$500 as a bonus.

They testified, however, that the check
had been returned, and that Mr. Kennedy
said he sent it back because he had not
yet determined whether or not he could
undertake the work.

The committee sat at once for Mr.
Kennedy, with the view of getting his
version of the matter, but he was not in
the city. He is somewhere in the Valley
on business, and telegraph messages were
sent him at Harrisonburg and New Mar-
ket by Chairman Byrd, summoning him
here at once to testify.

Bell Opens the Way.
Mr. Bell testified that he talked
with Mr. S. S. P. Patterson, of this city,
a member of the library board, and
showed him a letter from his firm to
the board, complaining that local deal-
ers were being discriminated against in
the purchase of books. He said, at Mr.
Patterson's request, he withdrew the letter,
and that the latter, he understood, got
through a resolution at the next meeting
providing that hereafter competitive bids
would be called for, so that everybody
might have a chance.

This letter was produced, and is printed
elsewhere, as is also a copy of the resolu-
tion.

Naturally, this led up to the introduction
of Mr. Patterson as a witness, and
he said Mr. Bell had shown him such a
letter, and he had requested that it be
withheld because he thought the matter
could be reached in some other way. To
this end he had offered and gotten
through the committee his resolution,
though he was not now certain that this
was the best way to purchase the books.

The board had instructed Mr. Kennedy
to go to New York and buy the books,
and had left the prices largely to him.
This caused Chairman Byrd to remark
with some spirit that this board, like
many others, appeared to be a mere
figurehead.

He Did Not Know.
Mr. Patterson knew nothing of the al-
leged request of Mr. Kennedy by Putnam
to write a history.

Mr. C. V. Meade, also a member of
the board, testified along the same line,
and expressed confidence in the ability
and integrity of the librarian, which, he
said, would not be shaken in the absence
of stronger testimony against him.

It was by far the stormiest session of
the committee, which returned here yester-
day to resume its work, after a long
holiday recess, and the testimony relat-
ing to Librarian Kennedy completely
overshadowed the single book question,
which heretofore has furnished the main
point in the inquiry. This matter was
only reverted to yesterday in order to
fill in, and when there was an occasional
lull in the feature of the day.

Superintendent W. F. Fox, of this city,
was the first witness, but he was quickly
excused, having only been called to say
what royalty he got on "Fox's Civil
Government."

Profound Silence.
Mr. Bell came next, and every word
of his testimony was heard by all present.
He was sure the local dealers had
never had a chance to come in on these
books when they could furnish them, and
was anxious to do so, and his conclusion
was that the State had lost much
money by the last purchase.

Mr. F. L. Schofield, manager of Hun-
ter's book store, gave similar testimony,
and both he and Mr. Bell asserted that
the books could have been secured for
15 to 20 per cent. less than they were
given.

They both took the invoice of the last
purchase, and declared that many spec-
ific books had been sold to Putnam at
library prices ranging from \$1.00 to
\$1.50 when they were being sold here
by retail for as little as 50 cents each.

Was Freely Talked Of.
Assistant Librarian Evans and Mr. F.
B. Berkeley and Mr. H. J. Ethridge,
both connected in an official capacity
with the library, were the chief wit-
nesses as to the history-writing episode.
They testified that Mr. Kennedy had
told of the matter, had discussed the
offer of \$250 and the \$500 bonus check
which was sent, and had said why the
check was returned.

Some of them, too, thought many of
the books purchased had been too high,
and the other witnesses of the day were
Mr. R. C. Stearnes, secretary to the
State Board of Education, and Mr. F.
T. Norvell, editor for the B. F. Johnson
Publishing Company. The former testi-
fied in favor of the single book list, and
the latter gave some interesting data
concerning the cost and conduct of the
last book campaign in Virginia. He

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STATE LIBRARIAN AND THE LIBRARIES



MR. J. P. KENNEDY.

KENNEDY TELLS DIFFERENT STORY

Bought Books by Direction of
Library Board and Saved
State Money.

HISTORY MATTER ALL WRONG

Putnam Never Made Such Offer.
It Was Another Firm
Altogether.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

HARRISONBURG, VA., January 9.—Mr.
John Pendleton Kennedy, State Librarian,
who figured most conspicuously in the tes-
timony before the Book Investigation
Committee yesterday, reached this city
last night about 11 o'clock, and was met
at the train by The Times-Dispatch cor-
respondent. Mr. Kennedy was fully in-
formed by the newspaper man of all the
testimony before the committee in Rich-
mond to-day, and was asked for a state-
ment in reply to Messrs. R. C. Bell, Scho-
field, book-sellers, and others, who tes-
tified. The librarian seemed not the least
worried about the turn things apparently
had taken, putting him in the centre of
the stage. He said that it was neces-
sary to buy the books for the State cir-
culating libraries a month or more after
the schools had begun their session. In
order to get the libraries quickly, it was
impossible to go into the open market and
get the books in time to be of much ser-
vice for the present session, so, by the
direction of the Library Board, he went
to New York and gave the contract.

Saved Money for State.
Mr. Kennedy readily admitted that the
books of fiction could have been gotten
cheaper at the department stores than
the State bought them, but only a few
could have been gotten at a time, these
here and there, and so the task would
have been a long one and unsatisfactory.
As to the other books, such as "Swiss
Family Robinson," the list furnished the
librarian by the Superintendent of Public
Instruction specified the edition, pub-
lisher and year of publication of each
book desired, and Mr. Kennedy said
these books could not have been pur-
chased more cheaply than was done.

Not only so, but the State got a dis-
count of twenty-five per cent. on the
contract, the bill amounting to \$1,500
and the State actually paying \$1,125, thus
saving \$375.

As to the report that the Putnams
wanted him to write a history of Vir-
ginia, it was absolutely false, he said,
as he has never been approached by a
representative of that firm with any such
proposition. He was asked by an agent
of another concern to write such a his-
tory, but declined on the ground that he
didn't have the time to undertake it,
wishing to give his whole time to the
State Library.

Mr. Kennedy will reach Richmond via
the Chesapeake and Ohio at 3:36 to-
morrow (Thursday) afternoon, and will
be at the service of the committee from
that time.

SENATOR BAILEY TO BE INVESTIGATED

The Texas Legislature to Look
Into Those Trust
Fees.

AUSTIN, TEX., January 9.—A resolu-
tion providing for a sweeping investiga-
tion of the conduct of United States
Senator Joseph W. Bailey was introduced
in the House of Representatives of the
State Legislature to-day. It is signed by
twenty-eight members of the Legislature.
Senator Bailey's term expires on March
4th.

In the primary election of last July
Senator Bailey was endorsed for Senator
by almost unanimous vote of the people.
Since that time it is charged that evi-
dence has been obtained which, it is
said, shows that he has received large
sums of money in loans and fees from
the Waters-Pierce Oil Company, the
Kilby Lumber Company, the Security Oil
Company and personally from H. C.
Pierce, of the Waters-Pierce Company.

DYNAMITE EXPLODES; ONE DEAD, OTHERS WILL DIE

ROANOKE, VA., January 9.—By an
explosion of dynamite at a railroad camp
ten miles east of Roanoke this evening,
one man was instantly killed and three
others mortally wounded. The dead man,
whose name has not been learned, was
foreman of a gang.

TWENTY-SEVEN IRON WORKERS BURIED IN METAL

Explosion in a Pittsburg
Furnace Caused Hor-
rible Tragedy.

MEN DISAPPEARED IN LAKE OF IRON

Wives and Children Fight Of-
ficers in Endeavor to Reach
the Place of Their Dead.
Other Serious Acci-
dents at Fire That
Followed.

PITTSBURG, PA., January 9.—As a
result of an explosion of a furnace at the
Eliza Furnaces of the Jones & Laughlin
Steel Works to-night, three persons are
known to be dead, seven are in a hospi-
tal with serious burns and injuries,
and twenty-four are missing.

The explosion was caused by an ac-
cumulation of gas at the base of the
furnace, around which were working
thirty-five men. Of all these but one
man escaped injury. Without warning
and with a roar of artillery tons of mol-
ten metal were poured over the work-
men, and for a space of thirty feet about
the furnace the metal ran to a depth of
four and five feet.

Two alarms of fire were sent in and
all the ambulances in the city were
called. The seven who were able to
escape from the hot metal with their
lives were taken to a hospital, but it is
thought the twenty-four missing men
have been buried in the mass of steel
and their bodies consumed.

While attempting to rescue some of
the men, Chief Peter Snyder, of the
fourth fire district, was thrown from a
trestle thirty feet high and seriously
injured.

The three men whose bodies have been
recovered were John Cramer, Andrew W.
Featherka and Gustave Kessler. None of
the seven injured men is expected to
recover.

Pathetic Scene.
The scenes about the entrance to the
mill were pathetic when the families of
the victims learned of the disaster. Wo-
men, men and children gathered before
the gate and made frantic efforts to gain
admittance. Several of the frenzied wo-
men rushed upon the officers and fought
them, crying to be allowed to enter the
mill and see their loved ones.

It became necessary to call additional
police to forcibly escort the women and
children to their homes.
While the mill officials are inclined to
believe that all of the missing men
were not cremated in the molten metal,
nothing definite is known as to their
fate. Only one man, George Knox, has
turned up since the explosion, and Knox
says everything happened so quick that
he doubts whether the men escaped.
Chief Peter Snyder, of the Fourth Fire
District, fell from a trestle thirty feet
high, injuring himself internally.

While responding to the alarm a hose
carriage was struck by a street car,
seriously injuring two of the firemen
and killing a horse. The windows of
the street car were shattered and a
panic followed among the passengers.
Two women were injured by being
trampled.

NEGRO GAVE LIFE TO SAVE HIS DOG

Coon and Dog Were Fighting in
Pamunkey and Dog Was
Getting Worst of It.

ETNA MILLS, VA., January 9.—David
Temple (colored), aged twenty-five years,
was accidentally drowned yesterday
morning while coon hunting. David
jumped in the Pamunkey River to save
his dog that was fighting a coon. The
coon was getting the best of the dog.
The water was about eight feet deep.
David had a lot of shells, ax, pan and
lamp tied to him. The weight was too
much to swim, consequently he went
down, but as he came up he pulled off
his jacket, about forty pounds, but did
not come up any more. His brother
William, who was with him, jumped in
to help, but was too late. The coon came
out and went up another tree, where he
was left. The dog was saved.

Jeff Truehart (colored) was brought
home dead night before last, shot through
his head by George Peterson at a girl's
house in Dorson City. George warranted
that he believed he would shoot the cap
off Jeff's head. The ball was a .33-caliber
that missed Jeff's brain and dropped him
dead.

JURY NOW HAS GOOD'S FATE IN ITS HANDS

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LURAY, VA., January 9.—The final
scene in the celebrated Good trial,
which has been in progress in Luray for
several days, are being enacted to-night.
Court convened at an early hour this
morning, when Captain R. S. Parks be-
gan the argument for the State. He
was followed by Messrs. Hammer and
Blackburn, counsel for the defense.
Commonwealth's Attorney Keyser will
close the argument for the State to-
night, though all hope of reaching a
verdict by the jury has been abandoned.

JURY ACQUITS LAING OF CRIMINAL ASSAULT

FRONT ROYAL, VA., January 9.—Wilbur
H. Laing, who was yesterday ac-
quitted of the charge of criminally as-
saulting Gussie E. Merchant, aged four-
teen, a daughter of the late President
after his trial, when he instructed
Captain H. H. Downing, of the firm of
Downing & Weaver, his attorney, to state
to the court that he was and always had
been willing to marry the young lady if
the parents of the girl would consent.

TRIED TO MURDER HEIR TO FORTUNE WITH POISON

Prescott Abbe Receives
a Package of Dates
Stuffed with Arsenic.

CRIME RECALLS MOLINEUX CASE

Boy's Grandmother Examined the
Package and Sent it to Doc-
tor—Mystery Surrounds
Affair—Detectives
Think They Have
Clue to Poisoner.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 9.—A
box of dates, stuffed with bits of Eng-
lish walnuts and arsenic, was the gift
of young Prescott Abbe, the handsome
sixteen-year-old son of Mrs. Lillian P.
Abbe, of Rockville, Md., received a few
days since. Despite the efforts of the
family to keep the details of the diabol-
ical plot against the boy's life from the
public, the particulars have gradually
become known.

Mrs. Abbe and her aged mother, Mrs.
Prescott, make their home at the Coch-
ran Hotel, in Rockville. Young Pres-
cott Abbe, an only son, and incidentally
heir to many thousands of dollars from
his Grandfather Abbe's estate, when he
becomes twenty-one, resides with his
mother. Two weeks ago an express
package came to the boy, without
marks to indicate the sender.

Poison Is Found.
Why the grandmother should have
been suspicious of the package and
opened it before the young man arrived
home is a family secret, and would not
be divulged. This she did, however, and
noticing the rather ragged condition of
one of the stuffed dates which she found
on top in the package, examined it
closely. She found the top of the date
filled with walnuts. Beneath was a fine
white powder.

Every date in the top layer was simi-
larly doctored. Beneath this layer the
dates appeared to be of the ordinary
kind—the powder being absent.

She called the young man and directed
him to take the box to Dr. Claiborne.
He examined the powder, pronounced
it poison, and the State's attorney
was immediately notified and began
work on the case. There was enough
arsenic in each date to kill six persons.

Believe They Have Clue.
Seen last evening the boy's mother
and grandmother refused to talk con-
cerning the affair, except to admit the
truth of the foregoing facts. "Yes, it
is true, too horribly true," said Mrs.
Abbe. "We don't just know what to
do or say. It is awful to contemplate
what might have happened, had the
mother here not been at home and
had her suspicions aroused. Of course,
we believe we have some clue, but we
are not discussing this, the matter is
in the hands of the State's attorney,
and you had best say nothing."

Young Abbe was also very reticent, and
beyond the statement that he "was glad
he didn't get it," would not discuss the
case. The family is possessed of consid-
erable means, Mrs. Prescott, his grand-
mother, being quite wealthy.

Washington, was formerly a resident of
Rockville. Some years ago he obtained
a divorce and has since remarried. It is
generally understood that the boy and his
father are on good terms, and frequently
visit each other.

A Times reporter this morning to see Dr.
Abbe at his apartments at the Dupont,
but he declined to be interviewed.

State's Attorney Talks.
State's Attorney Robert Peter, was
seen at his home in Rockville last night.
He stated that heretofore he had refused
to express himself in any way in regard
to the matter, in deference to the family's
wishes, and had for this reason laughingly
pronounced the story a "hoax" when
questioned. "However," said Mr. Peter,
"the facts have become known here."

"Just in what manner they became
public I don't know, but the story is
true. It is one of the most nefarious
crimes which I have ever tried to fathom.
We hope to find the perpetrator, but I
am not at liberty to say in what manner
the investigation is being conducted, or
the information we have to work upon."

Mr. Peter admitted that he had pri-
vate detectives at work on the case.
Those in charge of the investigation
would not admit that any particular per-
son or persons were suspected.
It is understood that the boy has a num-
ber of relatives in New York or in sec-
tions adjacent thereto.

The contents of the will of the older
Dr. Abbe are not generally known, nor is
it known outside of the family the exact
sum bequeathed to young Prescott, or
what the disposition of this legacy would
be in case of the death of the heir. These
questions are problematical, and many
different rumors are afloat.

No Personal Enemies.
The boy has no personal enemies, how-
ever, and it is the consensus of opinion
that the legacy is the real root of the
trouble.

It is freely admitted that an analysis
of the suspicious powder made in Wash-
ington, developed the fact that it was
pure arsenic, and had it not been for the
imperfect closing of one of the dates its
presence might not have been discovered.
The story first prevalent that the box
contained candy was incorrect.

SENDS POISONED DATES TO HEIR TO FORTUNE



PRESCOTT ABBE,
Maryland boy, who was marked for death by sender of poisoned confection.

HIGH OFFICIALS ACCEPT SHAH CONGRESS KILLS BIG GRAFT BILL

Mohammed Ali Mirza Is Now in
the Palace of His
Father.

ENTHRONEMENT ON FEB. 2ND HAVE ALREADY BEEN PAID

No Disturbances Have Occurred
and Funeral Ceremonies
Are Proceeding.

TEHERAN, January 9.—Almost immedi-
ately after the official announcement of
the death of the Shah at 9 o'clock this
morning Mohammed Ali Mirza proceeded
to the Palace, where he was formally
acknowledged as Shah by the Grand
Vizier and other princes of the royal
family, and by a large number of high
court and government officials.

The enthronement of the new Shah,
Mohammed Ali Mirza, has been fixed
for the Chadir festival, the festival of
the lake, which will be celebrated on
February 2d. The selection of this date
is regarded as very auspicious, it being
the anniversary of the day upon which
the prophet, standing at the side of the
lake, proclaimed that Mohammed Ali Mirza
was his own flesh and blood. Up to this
evening no disturbances of any kind have
been reached, and the ceremonies in con-
nection with the funeral and interment
of the late Shah were proceeding in the
customary manner.

NO NEWS RECEIVED FROM THE S. S. PONCE

Steamship Officials Say She Is
Not Equipped With
Wireless.

KEY WEST, Fla., January 9.—The
operator at the government wireless sta-
tion here reported to-day that the steam-
ship Ponce called both the Hatteras and
Savannah wireless stations on January
1st, but the operator at this point did not
know the Ponce's distance at sea. The
Key West station did not answer the call.
The wireless station at San Juan last
night sent a message to the station here
asking for information concerning the
missing steamer.

NEW YORK, January 9.—The New
York and Porto Rico Steamship Company
officials said to-night that the wireless
messages received at Hatteras and Sa-
vannah January 1st, supposedly from the
steamer Ponce, had evidently been con-
fused, as the Ponce was not equipped with
a wireless outfit.

Ponce Still Missing.
NORFOLK, Va., January 9.—The re-
venue cutters Orondago and Mohawk,
which have been looking for the over-
due steamer Ponce, arrived here this
afternoon for coal. Their commanders
report that they have orders to con-
tinue the search for the missing steamer.
The cutters again went to sea after
coaling.

Old Law a Graft.
Under the law as it formerly existed,
officers and enlisted men mustered out
of the service, were allowed, on route
to their homes a day's pay and com-
mutation of a day's subsistence for
every twenty miles traveled. A
soldier mustered out in San Francisco,
especially if an officer, would thus re-
ceive quite a snug sum if his home was
in Georgia. The War Department called
the attention of Congress to the fact that
several officers and men who were mus-
tered out in the Philippines received a
day's pay and commutation of subsistence
for every twenty miles traveled to their
homes in this country, and it was re-
commended that the law be changed.

In 1900 Congress enacted a law provid-
ing that men discharged from the service
should receive four cents a mile as travel-
ing expenses to their homes.
But men enlisted prior to the date of
the new law, who have since been mus-
tered out of the service, instituted a
movement this winter to secure pay un-
der the old law at the rate of a day's
pay and commutation of ration for every
twenty miles covered in reaching their
homes from the place of muster-out.
Mr. Hamilton's bill was the result of the
efforts of the discharged men, who wished
to get several million dollars, \$5,000,000
according to the estimate of Chairman
Mahon, from the national treasury. A
bureau here in Washington assumed
charge of the matter, and has been pres-
sing it before the committee. But the bill

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CAMPAIGN FOR \$200,000 FUND IS WELL BEGUN

Influential Citizens Com-
mittee Named to Make
Vigorous Canvass.

MOVEMENT WELL BEGUN ALREADY

Of Sum Desired, \$40,000 Has
Been Subscribed by Three
Gentlemen—Mr. Bryan,
the Mayor and Others
Make Ringing
Addresses.

Joseph Bryan.....	\$20,000
John P. Branch.....	15,000
T. Archibald Cary.....	5,000
Subscriptions to-day.....	\$40,000

Above is the statement of the Young
Men's Christian Association new build-
ing headquarters at the close of busi-
ness on the third day of the campaign.
One-fifth of the amount needed—\$200,000
in all—has been raised before the cam-
paign was fairly launched.

Mr. N. D. Sills, chairman of the young
business men's committee, announced
yesterday that he expected to have his
ten sub-chairmen selected to-day. As
soon as his list has been completed these
chairmen, who will be captains of the
teams of ten men each, will choose
nine men from about 150 picked men to
be their co-workers in the active work
of soliciting. The rivalry of the teams
of the young business men's committee
promises to be one of the most interest-
ing aspects of the campaign, as each
team will either strive for first place
or for keeping out of the last position.
Mr. W. V. Rathard is secretary of this
committee.

Strong Citizens' Committee.
Mr. Joseph Bryan, chairman, gave out
yesterday the following list of his ap-
pointments on the citizens' committee,
all of whom have been notified of their
appointment:

E. B. Addison, Major Otway S.
Allen, Colonel Archer Anderson, General
Charles J. Anderson, H. W. Anderson,
James Lewis Anderson, Thomas Atkin-
son, H. B. Baskerville, J. B. Branch,
E. L. Bonnis, O. H. Berry, C. B. Borden,
N. W. Bowe, S. H. Bowman, John Kerr
Branch, John P. Branch, John A.
Bricker, George Bryan, Joseph Bryan,
Colonel A. S. Buford, J. Alston Cabell,
Henry L. Cabell, Alexander Cameron,
George F. Cann, James H. Capers,
J. L. Carneal, T. A. Cary, James Castie,
E. A. Catlin, Frank W. Christian, Hon.
Geok W. Chalmers, J. C. Clifton,
Proctor Cooke, John A. Coke, W. S.
Copeland, S. D. Crenshaw, James D.
Crump, J. N. Davidson, B. O. Davis,
Adolph Dill, Major J. H. Dooley, H. D. Elcheberger,
J. B. Elam, T. H. Ely, E. E. Elton,
son, W. S. Forbes, John C. Free-
man, F. H. Garber, James R. Gordon,
E. G. Dunn, William M. Hamilton, John
C. Hagan, Charles W. Hardwick, Al-
fred T. Harris, Jr., R. L. Harrison,
James Hartley, Colonel John S. Hays,
W. C. Hays, J. B. Houghton, S. H. Hawes,
O. A. Hawkins, J. J. Hickok, William
M. Hill, A. R. Holdridge, Judge L. H.
Hunt, J. C. Hunt, J. C. Hunt, J. C.
Thomas F. Jeffress, L. H. Jenkins, Dr.
George Ben Johnston, C. D. Larus,
Judge William J. Leake, E. E. Lewis,
R. L. Lindsey, Colonel W. Gordon Mc-
Cabe, Hon. Carlton McGuffee, O. J.
McGuffee, Eugene C. Massie, J. P.
Mayer, E. C. Mayo, P. H. Mayo, S. H.
Mack, F. K. Sande, B. C. Smith, Jr.,
L. O. Miller, T. A. Miller, Gustavus
Millhiser, Hon. A. J. Montague, J. J. Mon-
tague, Thomas L. Moseby, John S. Munce,
J. M. Myers, Fred E. Nolting, William
Northrop, H. C. Osterling, Colonel W.
H. Parrish, M. C. Patterson, T. W. Pem-
berton, Edmund Patterson, General A. L.
P. Dunn, William M. Hamilton, John
Pollard, John B. Purcell, R. G. Reynolds,
C. E. Richards, John W. Roethel, H. W.
Rountree, Thomas M. Rountree, J. B.
Rountree, F. K. Sande, B. C. Smith, Jr.,
W. C. Schmidt, Fred W. Scott, Dr. Wil-
liam H. Scott, J. W. Sharp, James R.
Shepley, J. C. Sills, J. C. Sills, J. C.
Jr., Robert M. Smith, Colonel J. Lane
Stern, George W. Stevens, T. D. Stokes,
Edgar L. Strickland, J. C. Sills, J. C.
Claude A. Swanson, T. G. Sydnor, Wil-
liam T. Tally, Edgar D. Taylor, H. Sen-
ge Taylor, Henry Taylor, Jr., C. B. Ten-
nant, James E. Tinsley, Dr. J. C. Tompkins,
J. W. Travers, Dr. John N.
Uphur, Fred S. Valentine, Everett Wad-
sworth, J. C. Sills, J. C. Sills, J. C. Sills,
Walker, B. Rand Wellford, Thomas
Wheelwright, William H. White, W. J.
Wright, Henry W. Wright, Joseph
E. Willard, A. D. Williams, D. D.
Hama John L. Williams, John Skelton
Williams, T. C. Williams, Jr., John T.
Wilson, Charles E. Wingo, J. W. Wood,
S. B. Woodfin, Coleman Wortham.

First Meeting Enthusiastic.
The first meeting of the citizens' com-
mittee was held at the new building head-
quarters, corner Tenth and Main Streets,
and the plans outlined for this campaign
were heartily seconded. Mr. O. A. Haw-
kins, president of the Richmond Y. M.
C. A., said last night that this was the
most enthusiastic and spirited meeting
in connection with the work of the asso-
ciation in many years. The citizens' com-
mittee will meet again on Friday after-
noon at 4:30, when a full attendance is
expected. Active work will at that time
be fully under way.

The meeting yesterday was more suc-
cessful than could have been anticipated,
and it was upon short notice and
evoking strong sentiments from repre-
sentative business men in favor of more
liberal and urgent support of such a
great character-building institution as the
Y. M. C. A. The hearts of all present
were gladdened by the announcement that
\$40,000 of the amount required had been
already subscribed, the donations being
conditional upon the balance of the
\$200,000 being raised. These amounts are
as follows:

\$20,000—Mr. Joseph Bryan, who pur-
chased the site at the northwest corner
of Seventh and Grace Streets, for \$15,000
and presented it to the association, and
will make up the balance of \$5,000.
\$15,000—Mr. John P. Branch, who
was too ill to attend the meeting.

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